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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

1 - Mr. DeLoach
1 - Miss Holmes
1 - Mr. W. C. Sullivan

Mr. W. C. Sullivan TOP SECRET DATE: March 29, 1968

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1 - Mr. D. M. Wells

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
JUNE

PURPOSE:

Attached for your approval is a memorandum to the Attorney General requesting a telephone surveillance of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) headquarters at Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D. C., in an effort to obtain intelligence data concerning massive civil disobedience planned for the nation's Capital the end of April, 1968, by Martin Luther King, Jr.

BACKGROUND:

On January 2, 1968, we requested the Attorney General to authorize the installation of a telephone surveillance on the headquarters of SCLC in Atlanta, Georgia, because of possible riots which might ensue with King's planned Washington march. By letter dated January 3, 1968 the Attorney General denied our request advising, "There has not been an adequate demonstration of a direct threat to the national security."

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS:

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Memorandum to Mr. Sullivan
RE: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION
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OBSERVATIONS:

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RECOMMENDATION:

The attached communication be directed to the Attorney General for his approval. "The Memphis situation" quite added importance to this request.

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